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OF THE UNITED STATES; TOGETHER WITH
REMARKS PRESENTED IN EULOGY OF

James Francis O'Connor

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Biography

JAMES FRANCIS O'CONNOR, was born on a farm near California Junction, Iowa, May 7, 1878; attended the grade schools and normal school in Iowa; was graduated from the law department of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1904; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Livingston, Mont., in 1905; also engaged in stock raising, ranching, and banking; judge of the sixth judicial district of Montana in 1912; member of the State house of representatives 1917-18, and served as speaker; special counsel for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D. C., in 1918; member of Park County High School Board for a number of years; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, and Seventy-ninth Congresses, and served from January 3, 1937, until his death in Washington, D. C., January 15, 1945; interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Livingston, Mont.



In the House of Representatives

FRIDAY, April 27, 1945.

Mr. FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of House Resolution 234.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 23d day of May 1945, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials, under the provisions of clause 40-A of Rule XI. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for sixty legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Speaker shall call the House to order, and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Sebenty-ninth Congress
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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)

United States Navy Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer.....The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation.....The Acting Chaplain, Dr. Bernard Braskamp

Solo, There's a Beautiful Land on High (by Taylor).....

Hon. Harve Tibbott

Representative from the State of Pennsylvania

Hon. Frances P. Bolton, Representative from the

State of Ohio, accompanist

Scripture reading and prayer.....The Acting Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address.....Hon. Alfred L. Bulwinkle

Representative from the State of North Carolina

Solo, Open the Gates of the Temple (by Knapp).....Hon. Harve Tibbott

Hon. Frances P. Bolton, accompanist

Address.....Hon. Paul Cunningham

Representative from the State of Iowa

Taps.....Francis Dale Stevens

Musician, first class, United States Navy

Benediction.....The Acting Chaplain

James Francis O'Connor



Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 23, 1945.*

The **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE** of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The **SPEAKER**. Pursuant to House Resolution 234, the Chair declares the House to be in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials.

Accordingly the House stood in recess to meet at the call of the Speaker.

The Members of the House rose and stood while the relatives of the deceased Members were escorted to seats in the House Chamber by the Committee on Memorials.

The Acting Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp:

Most merciful and gracious God, who art found by those who truly seek Thee, known by those who love, and seen by all whose hearts are pure, we pray that this hour of high and holy memory may be full of blessedness unto our souls. To Thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we shall ascribe all the praise. Amen.

Hon. HARVE TIBBOTT, accompanied by Hon. FRANCES P. BOLTON, sang *There's a Beautiful Land on High*.

The **ACTING CHAPLAIN**. The Scripture readings, which are taken from the Old and New Testaments, have been written for our consolation and our comfort.

Psalm 85: "I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints."

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Psalm 90: "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

"He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Then from the New Testament these gracious words which came from the lips of our blessed Lord:

John 14: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians we find these words:

"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept

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"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

May God add His blessing to these readings from His holy word.

"Death is only an old door,
Set in a garden wall.
On quiet hinges, it gives at dusk
When the thrushes call.

"Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond, the light lies still.
Very willing and weary feet
Go over that sill.

"There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only an old door
In a garden wall."

O Thou who wert the God of our fathers, we rejoice that Thou art also the God of their succeeding generations. Through Thy word Thou hast spoken and in our own hearts Thy voice has been heard. Thou art the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who now dwell with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received as the reward of their faith and their fidelity the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was beautiful in their life, in Thy sight and in our sight, abides forever. They sought to serve their generations according to Thy holy will and were

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numbered among those who do justly, who love mercy, and who walk humbly with the Lord. We have not said farewell, but only goodnight, hoping on some blessed morn to meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

We pray that Thou wilt bless all who have been called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones. Sustain them by Thy grace for Thou art the support of the weary and the consolation of the sorrowing. May they yield themselves without murmur or complaint and in due resignation to the dispensations of Thy providence for Thou dost give and Thou dost take away, and blessed is Thy name forevermore. May they avail themselves of the eternal companionship of the Christ and have within their hearts that peace which the world cannot give and which the world cannot take away.

We pray that Thou wilt also so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we carry on in faith and in faithfulness. Hear us in the name of the Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Alney E. Chaffee, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

ELLISON DURANT SMITH, a Senator from the State of South Carolina: Born August 1, 1866; merchant; farmer; student Stewart's School, Charleston, and the University of South Carolina; graduate of Wofford College in 1899; member of the State house of representatives, 1896-1900; field agent and general organizer in the cotton protective movement, 1905-08; elected to the United States Senate, 1908 and five succeeding terms; died November 17, 1944.

FRANCIS THOMAS MALONEY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut: Born March 31, 1894; seaman; businessman; student public and parochial schools; newspaper reporter, 1914-21; served in the United States Navy 1917 and 1918; mayor of Meriden, 1929-33; Member of the House of Representatives Seventy-third Congress; elected to the United States Senate, 1934 and 1940; died January 16, 1945.

JOHN MOSES, a Senator from the State of North Dakota: Born June 12, 1885; farmer; banker; lawyer; graduate of Junior Col-

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lege, Oslo, Norway, and of the law school of the University of North Dakota; secretary, State Teachers College, Valley City, 1911-13; State's attorney of Mercer County, 1919-23, 1927-33; elected Governor of North Dakota, 1938, 1940, and 1942; elected United States Senator 1944; died March 3, 1945.

HAMPTON PITTS FULMER, Second Congressional District of South Carolina: Born June 23, 1875; farmer; merchant; banker; graduate Massey's Business College, Columbus, Ga., 1897; member of the State house of representatives, 1917-20; Member of the Sixty-seventh and 11 succeeding Congresses; died October 19, 1944.

JAMES FRANCIS O'CONNOR, Second Congressional District of Montana: Born May 7, 1879; lawyer; rancher; banker; graduate in law, University of Nebraska, 1904; judge of the sixth judicial district of Montana, 1912; member State house of representatives, 1917-18, serving as speaker; Member of the Seventy-fifth and four succeeding Congresses; died January 15, 1945.

JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER, Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Illinois: Born July 17, 1882; teacher; lawyer; student Northern Illinois Normal School and Valparaiso University; graduate, Northern Illinois College of Law, 1908; county judge of Wayne County, 1914-26; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, Mo., 1928; Member of the Seventy-seventh and two succeeding Congresses; died March 22, 1945.

Mrs. **NORTON**, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, and aided by Duane Bender, a page of the House of Representatives, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

Then followed 1 minute of devotional silence.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Bulwinkle].

Hon. **ALFRED L. BULWINKLE**, a Representative from the State of North Carolina, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. ALFRED L. BULWINKLE

Mr. Speaker, since the last memorial services were held in the House of Representatives, just about a year ago, divine providence called six of our close friends and colleagues into eternity:

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Senator ELLISON D. SMITH, of South Carolina.
Senator FRANCIS T. MALONEY, of Connecticut.
Senator JOHN MOSES, of North Dakota.
Representative HAMPTON P. FULMER, of South Carolina.
Representative FRANCIS O'CONNOR, of Montana.
Representative JAMES V. HEIDINGER, of Illinois.

Words are inadequate to fully express, on occasions of this kind, the thoughts and emotions we feel. When one is associated day after day and year after year with friends who become very near and dear to you—friends whom you admired and respected—it is difficult to use words which fully and completely express sorrow at the loss that is suffered.

Realizing this, and everyone here knowing this, may it not be said that we, the Members of the House of Representatives, who are assembled here today, cherish and honor the memory of our colleagues who have gone to meet their Maker.

The comradeship which exists on Capitol Hill between Members has few parallels in life. Whether a man is here just a short time or for many sessions, each one soon learns to know the other and to love and admire him, and respect the sterling qualities of character and devotion to duty which he possesses. You cannot associate with men in legislative work from time to time in the committees, or in the cloak-room, or on the floor of the House, and not make friends. On the questions that arise, differences of opinions may exist. Even heated debate may be engaged in, but regardless of these differences, or the words that may be used in debate, the ability, honesty, and sincerity of another Member is respected and admired. There is no better place to judge another, and it may be truly said that the Congress of the United States is a proving or testing ground for men.

Homage to the memory of these Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives is paid today by their colleagues in this service. Each one of the living recognized in those that we pay tribute to, as exemplified by their lives

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and their daily work, their faithful service to the Republic and their States, that they were true public servants and noble American citizens who gave their all for their country in one of the most critical periods of history.

The war and the preparation for national defense prior to Pearl Harbor caused the enactment of legislation which was broad in its scope and carried with it tremendous potentialities for mankind—both in the United States and the world. Every legislator knew the results which would follow the proposed legislation which was to be considered. Every legislator knew the responsibility which he had to assume, and the duties, burdens, and sorrows which would have to be endured by his constituency. These colleagues of ours may not have agreed with all that was proposed, but they and their fellow Members met the situation bravely as men would meet it.

The war came—the greatest in history—brutal, savage, worse than any war that one could read of in the Dark Ages. Every man and woman in the Congress knew that civilization was at stake the world over and that the freedom of liberty-loving people everywhere was threatened by the domination of the dictators.

Without faltering, the Congress met the issues. It was theirs to initiate and pass the legislation calling the men and women of the United States into the armed forces to serve in the uttermost parts of the earth, on the sea, under the sea, on land, and in the air. Knowing full well the casualties that would inevitably result from war, this of itself weighed heavily upon the mind and heart of each. Measures were proposed and passed changing the country over from a peacetime status to a wartime status—production in every line was necessary, whether in the fields, in the factories, or the manufacture of military and naval equipment. As a result of these laws, it can well be said that never in the history of mankind has any one nation accomplished so much in so short a time.

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When our large Army, Navy, and Air Force went into action on many fields of battle, victory came. Since the last memorial services were held, the forces of nazism have been defeated, crushed, and it is hoped forever annihilated. Today, Europe as well as the world, with the exception of Japan, is freed from fascism and nazism. Day after day our forces in the Pacific have defeated the treacherous, barbarous, and uncivilized Japanese, time and time again. The prayers and the hopes of the people of the Nation are for an early victory—a complete and smashing victory on the Asiatic front and the Pacific.

These victories, magnificent and glorious as they are, were not won without the loss of many lives. Day by day the casualty lists are seen by each Member. These lives that are lost, and the sacrifices that are made, cannot but leave scars upon the mind of each representative of the people.

Standing before this historic desk, paying allegiance to the memory of the deceased Members of the Congress, I feel the presence of another public servant who was a casualty of the war. Without effort, one can visualize President Roosevelt standing here and addressing the joint sessions of Congress as was done on numerous occasions in connection with the war, and the war effort, or when delivering an address upon the state of the Nation. During all of these weary, heart-rending years, heavy obligations were exacted of him. Burdens were placed upon him that no one else could aid in carrying. With a courage and a devotion to duty, and a love of country never surpassed in the pages of history by any executive, or ruler, he met the responsibilities and never shrunk from them. The Nation was taken into his confidence, and in this Chamber at an early date he warned of dangers from across the seas. The powerful and mighty German Army could not be defeated unless the freedom-loving nations could be united, and it was his successful efforts which welded these nations into the United Nations and assured the victories which have, are now, and will come to pass in all

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theaters of operation. In addition to the objective of victory, he had another magnificent objective always in mind: Even as nations were united to defeat the tyrants who had brought on a terrible war—so nations could be united together to preserve the peace in order that the world would be freed from the curse of war. This was, and is, evidenced by conference after conference, commencing with the Atlantic Charter, and culminating in the San Francisco Conference which is now in progress. May the final achievement of the San Francisco Conference meet fully the requirements of a civilized world, and his magnificent objective.

Somehow today, in some way, which cannot be described, the influence and lives of our former President and our colleagues, and those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the armed services seem to be very near. If this is true, and I think that it is, then may not we, the living, holding places of trust and confidence, honored by our fellow countrymen, dedicate and rededicate our lives to the service of the Nation? At this time, it must be remembered that our armed forces must have an early, full, complete, and decisive victory in the Pacific and in Asia over our enemy. Even now, and when victory is achieved, many far-reaching and important laws will have to be enacted—reconstruction, of itself, will entail much legislation. Many vexatious questions will arise from time to time for the Congress to settle. New responsibilities will be placed upon each and every Member. Legislation must be deliberated, devoid of partisanship, devoid of sectionalism, and devoid of selfish interest, and be placed upon the statute books for the benefit of all. Each legislator must efficiently, honestly, and courageously meet any situation which may arise. Thus, if so met, then in the United States, there will be nothing to fear.

Clearly the part that this, and each succeeding Congress, has to play is to aid in every way possible in bringing about a just and lasting peace in order that those who have been sacrificed upon the Nation's altar, may not have fought for

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a lost cause. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget—lest we forget."

"They died in vain." Will that be said of the soldiers of this war? It was said of those of our armed forces who died during 1917 and 1918 that they "died in vain." The Seventy-ninth Congress, and each succeeding Congress will not, with the help of God, permit it to be said of those who suffered disabilities or gave their lives in this terrible conflict.

Search wherever you will for more appropriate words to be used in this memorial service, but it is doubtful if there can be found more proper quotations than those from the Second Inaugural Address of President Lincoln, delivered from the east front of the Capitol, 80 years ago. These should be repeated again and again:

Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away.

With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

Hon. HARVE TIBBOTT, accompanied by Hon. FRANCES P. BOLTON, sang Open the Gates of the Temple.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Cunningham].

Hon. PAUL CUNNINGHAM, a Representative from the State of Iowa, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. PAUL CUNNINGHAM

Mr. Speaker, when we assemble to pay tribute to our departed and honored colleagues, it is always a solemn occasion. It is a sad time for all of us, including the relatives of those who have passed to the Great Beyond during the last 12 months.

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In another sense, it is not a solemn occasion, nor is it a sad day; rather it is a time of love and sweet remembrance, because we know "They are not dead, they are just away." No, we believe they are now among those who are preparing a place for us so all will be ready when the day comes for a happy reunion. "O Death, where is thy sting? Death is swallowed up in victory." Death is but the place at which the little stream of life merges into the ocean of eternity. Death is but the turning point in the endless path of existence.

Were we to believe otherwise, then this sad but sweet occasion would be but a hollow mockery and our tears of love, coupled with the fragrance of sweet remembrance, would be only dust and ashes. Milton has said, "Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity." No, we are not come in a spirit of mourning and sorrow, but rather to plant a few flowers in the fertile soil of our faith in a blessed immortality. Our dear departed colleagues would not have it otherwise.

At such a time, regardless of race, color, or belief, there are few, if any, who do not cling to a definite confidence that death is not the end, but only another, a greater and more wonderful, beginning. Although it is a graduation from the toils, joys, worries, and sorrows of this world, it is also the commencement of a fuller and more beautiful life. Yes, they have gone to another world, the beauty and solemnity of which is not given mortal man to understand, yet we definitely feel and know that all is well.

Some years ago I read an article which told of the experience of an American missionary in Africa. He had made friends with a savage tribe, the chief of which had just died. The tribal custom required that the personal servants of the chief be put to death on a certain day, amidst feasting and rejoicing. The missionary was invited to attend and did. Just before the torch was applied to the fagots at the stake of the chief's head servant, the chief's son walked over and spoke to him. The missionary saw the happy smile that

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came to the servant's face when he nodded in reply. Later, the missionary inquired of the chief's son what he had said to the servant just before he was put to death and the answer was, "I told him to tell my father the canoe he gave me just before he died is a good one and he said he would." These primitive people had no doubt but that death opens the door to a life beyond. A belief in immortality that extends to savage tribes is one that gives to those here assembled a serene peace on this sad day that passeth all understanding.

As Bacon said, "It is as natural to man to die as to be born." The evidences coming out of this war, now so near a victorious end, are legion that the veil, separating this life from the next and our departed loved ones from those of us left behind, is very thin. "Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world."

Certain as we are that this is not the end, but only the beginning for our departed colleagues and loved ones, equally certain is the fact that all, rich and poor, high and low, must answer the call sooner or later—certain is this fact—time only is the uncertain equation.

As mortal men they worked and played; they struggled and served for themselves, their families, their neighbors, their Nation. They were united in the common cause of Americanism. They made life easier for all people. They helped to improve systems of government whereby other men have been better able to serve their Nation. They have aided in creating and fostering a spirit of generous consideration among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationships. They were always interested in the civic, commercial, social, and moral welfare of their communities. They helped make democracy work. They were just and fair in their attention to duty; reliable and trustworthy in their dealings. They valued our friendship and our smiles. They were always ready to extend a helping hand; were careful of their criticisms and liberal with

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their praise. They built without destroying—the best friends we ever had.

However more we plan and have planned for ourselves, God knows the end of our days. They have all died in response to a greater democracy. What puppets of providence we would be if the great, the prominent, the world figures lived on forever. Let every youth, every lovely girl, every strong boy, every robust man and woman lay it to heart—death is no respecter of persons. It invades the hovels of the poor and it also reaches up and claims the great of the world. The sword of the general and the rifle of the soldier shall lie side by side.

Let us now transplant ourselves from the hurry and rush of the present to the loving remembrances of yesterday. Scarcely one of us but who at some time sits and meditates on the blessings and priceless benefits received from being associated with those we honor today. We see the fine courtesies extended to all; their gentlemanly demeanor; and we ponder over the words of wisdom that fell from their lips. "Death stamps the characters and conditions of men for eternity. As death finds them in this world, so they will be in the next."

As we listened to this roll call and as the rose of life was placed in the urn for each, we remember them for the good they did; for the influence they had on others. Yes, we rejoice at a time of sorrow all because of them; yes, all of them, our colleagues of yesterday.

We know they are walking straight forward in their present environment just as they did while here—head erect and on a firm foundation. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

The Nation is deeply indebted to these men. They have unselfishly given their all to a devoted cause and we, their colleagues, feel keenly the loss to ourselves and our country

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in their passing. They so lived that others can well follow the examples they set. They were proud of the country in which they lived and the country may well be proud they lived in it.

They have done what countless others have done before them and countless more will do in the future. They have lived and worked, fought and struggled, loved and died, that others might have a better world in which to carry on, and carry on we must—a tear today, a smile tomorrow, a heart-ache the next, and joy the next, and so on until we receive the last call as they have; and when that day comes, may we receive it with a smile and an assurance of a life well lived and a foundation well set for others to build upon.

This is a peaceful occasion, and we know our departed colleagues are resting in peace. But they did not at this time seek the peace they now enjoy. They wanted to remain a while longer, particularly that they might aid and assist in securing everlasting peace on earth. Their hearts were ever with our fighting men and women. They accepted their full share of our responsibility to see that the soldier and his descendants have a better world in which to live; and that the soldiers, both living and dead, will be pleased with our efforts. God decreed this was not to be their privilege. Willingly they accepted the final summons just as they courageously carried on in life. It is for us, the living, to pick up their uncompleted task and give the utmost of our energy in securing a peace that will last for all time. We must not, we will not fail them.

One could go on indefinitely philosophizing on the lives of these our departed colleagues and the high standards they set for us by their daily deeds and conduct; but, as time marches on, nothing that is said by us can pay proper and just tribute to their deeds and our memory of their sterling characters and steadfastness of purpose. We have only memories, but what sweet memories; yea, we have even more, the firm knowlege that "they are not dead, but just away."

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You cannot say, you must not say,
That he is dead; he is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there;
So think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, and say,
"He is not dead, he is just away."

Over the triple doorways of the cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one are the words, "All that pleases is but for a moment"; over another, "All that troubles is but for a moment"; while over the central arch are these significant words, "That only is important which is eternal."

Let us so live and conduct ourselves that when the day comes for us again to greet our colleagues whom we honor today, they will be glad to greet us with the genuine smile we knew and loved so well. They have passed to life eternal, whether it be near or far, and for aught we know they are here with us today in this selfsame chamber.

Francis Dale Stevens, musician, first class, United States Navy, sounded taps.

The Acting Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace. Amen.

At the conclusion of the recess, at 12 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the Speaker called the House to order.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 234, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the

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deceased Members, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 24, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon.

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Remarks by Representative White

Of Idaho

MR. SPEAKER: Montana and the entire Pacific Northwest has suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable JAMES F. O'CONNOR. He was so truly a part of the great outdoors which he had the honor to represent, and actively participated in every endeavor for the upbuilding of his State—agriculture, mining, banking, and the development of all natural resources. He gave to every interest his best, and the regard and respect of all his associates came back to him. This trait was indicative of the man who knew life at first-hand and who was able and eager, out of his own experience, to devise ways for smoothing the pathway of those who needed most the help of kindly hands. Always he mingled with strong men in crowded places. Always his hand was outstretched to aid his fellow men.

The people of Montana, as well as his colleagues in Congress, will long remember JIM O'CONNOR, lawyer, banker, rancher, and statesman.

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Remarks by Representative Hagen *Of Minnesota*

Mr. SPEAKER: JIM O'CONNOR is gone. I desire to add my humble tribute to my good friend from Montana who died January 15.

My former boss and predecessor, the Honorable R. T. Buckler, served on the Committee on Indian Affairs with Representative O'CONNOR. Because of this, I had quite a number of personal contacts with Mr. O'CONNOR, who, shortly after beginning service on the committee, became its chairman. He was ever ready to help me whenever I called on him for information or advice.

His office staff has lost a considerate and appreciative boss.

Members of the Committee on Indian Affairs have lost a fair-minded and helpful chairman.

The Indians of America have lost a sympathetic and understanding Congressman.

The people of Montana have lost a good neighbor, a conscientious public servant, and a Congressman of great integrity and character.

Congress and its membership have lost a good true friend.

The American people have lost a loyal and unselfish American and statesman.

May God bless and keep his soul.

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Remarks by Representative Mansfield
of Montana

Mr. SPEAKER: Under leave to extend my remarks, I wish to insert in the Record a fine and deserved tribute by Horace C. Carlisle to our late colleague and friend the Honorable JAMES F. O'CONNOR:

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In the untimely passing of JAMES F. O'CONNOR,
Our great country sustained a great loss—
His devotion to that divine grace, sacred honor,
Gave him strength for this life's every cross,
Which he bore with a fortitude, rich in assurance,
That some day he would lay his cross down,
At the end of his long, weary siege of endurance,
And receive both his robe and his crown.

In Montana, the passing of JAMES F. O'CONNOR
Is bemoaned by his friends everywhere;
For he loved his home State, and deflected upon her
That true courage which conquers despair;
And his State loved him with an increasing devotion,
That grew sweeter with each passing year,
And Montana's great heart overflows with emotion,
As she pauses beside his still bier.

But a home in Montana, when JAMES F. O'CONNOR
Bade adieu to his neighbors and friends—
And his wife, with this grief thrust so sadly upon her—
Have sustained the loss that never ends;
But when they look aloft, from life's valley of shadow,
Disappointment, distress, and despair,
They can see at the top of faith's ascending ladder
Representative O'CONNOR there.

—Horace C. Carlisle.

Mr. Speaker, under unanimous consent granted me by the House, I am inserting in the Record a memorial adopted by

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the Montana Legislature on January 18, 1945. It is a privilege for me to bring this token of high esteem to your attention because it shows how the people who knew JIM O'CONNOR best appreciated him.

Memorial by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana consequent upon the death of Representative JAMES F. O'CONNOR, Second Montana District

JAMES F. O'CONNOR was born in California Junction, Iowa, May 7, 1878, and received his elementary education in the schools of Harrison County, that State. After being graduated from high school he entered the University of Nebraska Law School, completing a 3-year course in 1904. In the same year he came to Montana and located in Livingston, which remained his home until the time of his death.

Possessed of a magnetic personality, a deep student of his profession, and commendably ambitious, he quickly won a recognized place in the civic, political, and professional life of his community and the State. Early in his career he was chosen to the district judgeship of his judicial district, being at the time the youngest man to occupy that honored position. In 1916 he was elected as one of the representatives of Park County in the State house of representatives and, when he took his seat at the beginning of the session in 1917, was accorded the almost unprecedented honor of being chosen speaker of the house for his first term, which position he filled with dignity, ability, and impartiality.

Following the end of his legislative term, he served in several responsible public positions until 1936 when he was elected to the National House of Representatives from the Second Montana District and was reelected in 1938, 1940, 1942, and at the recent election in 1944, for his fifth consecutive term.

The same qualities which gave him eminence in the public affairs of his State enabled him to establish himself as an outstanding leader in the national assembly. His untiring energy, high talents as an orator and ready grasp of the larger affairs of state brought his rapid advancement to the chairmanship of one of the most important committees of the House and high positions on other major committees.

The successful political career of Congressman O'CONNOR was the result of his undeviating devotion to the varied interests of his district and State and effective work in behalf of these interests in

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committees and before the House. He was particularly diligent in answering the appeals of his constituents who requested him to represent them before the various departments, boards, and bureaus of the Federal Government.

Congressman O'CONNOR passed away in his sleep at his apartment in Washington, Monday, January 15, 1945.

Whereas it has pleased the Creator to remove from our midst JAMES F. O'CONNOR; and

Whereas JAMES F. O'CONNOR served with distinction as a member and the speaker of the fifteenth Montana Assembly; and

Whereas he was an honored and valued official in many fields of public service in the State of Montana; and

Whereas his sudden passing robs the State of Montana of a most distinguished public servant; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the twenty-ninth legislative assembly of the State of Montana, expressing the sentiments of all the people of Montana, hereby express to the members of the family of JAMES F. O'CONNOR the sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolences of all the members of this house in this time of their bereavement. May they be comforted in the knowledge that their loved one who has passed served worthily and with great distinction the people of his adopted State and his deeds will be remembered with gratitude by all of the citizens of Montana; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family and spread upon the journal of this house.

TOM STOUT,
of Fergus County, Chairman.

DAVID F. JAMES,
of Liberty County.

RALPH C. BRICKER,
of Cascade County.

DR. R. P. MINNICK,
of Treasure County.

FRANK W. HAZELBAKER,
of Missoula County.

Remarks by Commissioner Piñero

Of Puerto Rico

Mr. SPEAKER: On the opening day of the Seventy-ninth Congress, a great day for any baby Congressman like myself awaiting the moment of being sworn in, after being stopped by the doorkeeper for identification. I quietly and cautiously looked for a seat in this Chamber. As I sat gazing around watching my future colleagues gathering up and exchanging greetings after their reelections, one of these gentlemen came and sat by my side. He introduced himself as a Congressman from the State of Montana, JAMES F. O'CONNOR. He proceeded to talk to me in a very friendly way. He had singled me out—a new face in Congress—and was trying to make me feel at home in my new environment. I talked to him about the island of Puerto Rico, its products, its people, our war activities, our hopes, and desires. To my amazement the westerner, with an Irish name, who lived more than 5,000 miles away from my island, was quite versed in the affairs of my birthplace.

He told me that I had a big job before me. The only way, he said, to get anywhere was to fight one's way through like an old-timer would do. He promised to give me guidance and help at any time I would like to call on him.

The Speaker's gavel calling the House to order ended the conversation with my new acquaintance. I was feeling most fortunate. My friend left and my eyes followed him until he was lost in the swarm of Members who greeted him right and left as he moved away. Who could imagine at that time that I was to see him no more.

The news of his passing away stunned me a short time later. I listened to speeches from his colleagues all over the States when this House mourned his departure. I came to know

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more about him. He had outgrown the boundaries of his district, his State, and colleagues from the four cardinal points of the Nation paid tribute to his memory. Out in the West, I am sure, the Indians, whom he loved so well and for whom he fought his whole life, at the news of his departure must have stood in silent prayer by the setting sun.

I am sure he was also a good friend of Puerto Rico. Had he lived to see the days to come he would have been the ally of the dependent people of Puerto Rico.

May the Lord reserve for JAMES F. O'CONNOR a place beside Him for eternity. His love and kind heart for all humanity in the life he led fully warrants it.

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Remarks by Representative Patterson *Of California*

MR. SPEAKER: I think that our most fitting desire, on this day when we honor those of our colleagues who have died in pursuit of their duties, is to forward those goals toward which they, and all of us, are striving. These goals were the complete eradication of fascism the world over, and the establishment of a permanent peace and increasing prosperity.

Our colleagues, and their comrades on the battlefields, will not have died in vain if we can outlaw war for all time; if we are a step nearer to the brotherhood of man in a real and practical sense.

Let us put our own house in order. Racial, religious, national prejudice, and discrimination of every kind must be absolutely destroyed here in America, as well as in every land of the earth. Prejudice and discrimination go hand in hand with the fascism we are striving to destroy.

There must be unity and understanding between the nations of the earth. If we break faith with our allies, with Britain, or Russia, or China, or France, or others, then we break faith with those who have died, our colleagues and our sons and brothers on the fighting fronts.

Let us, then, with quiet and indestructible determination, dedicate ourselves, strengthened by the memory of our colleagues who fought so long and well to the goals of unity, between men and nations of men, and permanent peace.

Remarks by Representative Murphy
Of Pennsylvania

MR. SPEAKER: It is an honor and a privilege for me to have this opportunity to say a few words about my very dear friend, the able and distinguished Congressman from Montana, the late **JAMES F. O'CONNOR**.

As a new Member of this Chamber, I was always pleased to hear the words of **JIM O'CONNOR**. He was a man of strong convictions, well informed on the affairs which were discussed in this great body.

At this time of year there always comes the gentle, blissful day when we feel how fine it would be to get into the outdoors. Often we wonder, on entering the catacombs where we work, what would happen if in sudden brash rebellion we should head for the open road. From there we would turn off into some deep woods where the trees were radiant in their new foliage, the grass soft underfoot, the air full of earthy fragrance. We would wander on forgetting the city, the irksome office or home tasks, the war, the peace problems, feeling completely free and irresponsible, and at the same time smugly virtuous in our proximity to Mother Nature. We would listen to the birds, spot an occasional wild flower, come unexpectedly upon a sparkling brook, perhaps sit on a grassy knoll and meditate on the futility of man's rush and strain, his slavery to clocks and conveniences.

There in that earthly paradise when all is calm and we have the opportunity for clear cool recollection, our thoughts would dwell on the many pleasant experiences we have had in our past lives.

I am sure were I to take that journey and so contemplate the part, one of my most refreshing recollections would be my

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having known the late JIM O'CONNOR. He is now gone. One of the most beautiful sentences, by way of prayer, I know to express my sentiments toward him, is:

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

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The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Thou who are the perfection of our humanity, who assures the deep satisfaction of the soul, verify Thy promise unto us: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." We praise Thee that the dominating truth which glows through the pages of Thy holy word and harks back through the long expectant years of the past, unfolded by the words of the prophets, is Thy mercy in the remission of sins. Dear Lord, we humbly confess that our experiences confirm the sting of transgression and pray that Thy law may be written in our hearts. Thou hast a way out of every wrong, a release from every sorrow, and a strength for every frailty. Each day keep before us an uncompromising ideal; search us and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

O Good Shepherd, bend low. There cometh a mist and a weeping rain and life is never the same again. At an early hour the watch of death came when the world was asleep and took from us a strong, capable, patriotic Member, and as the heavens opened his soul became immortal. Yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death may Thy rod and Thy staff be our comfort and our support and in Thy holy name, blessed Saviour, may we dwell in the House of our Lord forever. We pray that blessings of peace and rest may abide with this strickened fireside both now and forever. Amen.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of regret that I announce to the House the death

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of our distinguished colleague the gentleman from Montana, Mr. JAMES F. O'CONNOR. It was only this morning I was notified of his passing, and the shock of his death has been a great personal blow to me. To his devoted wife and family I extend my deepest sympathy. They, too, will miss him because of his fine traits as a husband and father.

Words are useless to express one's real emotion at a time like this, I know, but I will miss his kindliness, his sound advice, and his never-failing willingness to help at all times.

I wish at this time to state that I feel a deep personal loss in the passing of JIM O'CONNOR, because he has been guide, mentor, and friend to me. He has spent most of his life in our State. He has achieved there a reputation which will rank him with our greatest statesmen. We are going to miss him deeply, because of his wisdom, because of his courage, and because of his forthright honesty. He was a man to whom we of Montana looked up to. I know that as one of our colleagues he had the respect of the entire House of Representatives. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. Pittenger].

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I join with my distinguished colleague from Montana [Mr. Mansfield] in paying this last tribute of respect to his colleague from Montana, Mr. O'CONNOR. During a period of several years it has been my pleasure and my privilege to have served in this House with the distinguished gentleman who passed away last night. His death leaves a vacancy here which will be hard to fill. He was a fine, outstanding example of what a public servant ought to be and what a public servant can be in the discharge of his duties as a Representative in the Congress of the United States. He was a tireless worker in the cause of the people of his district who sent him to Congress. He was a man of great patriotism, he was a man of great ability, he was a man who made his voice heard here and who accomplished many, many constructive things not only for his State but for the people of this country.

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I join with our colleagues in expressing sorrow that he has passed from our midst.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. Mundt].

Mr. MUNDT. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of JIM O'CONNOR the Nation has sustained a serious loss and the people of Montana has lost one of the great statesmen of the Central West. The big, friendly Irishman whom we knew as JIM O'CONNOR was one of the best loved Members of the House of Representatives on both sides of the aisle.

I think, perhaps, JIM O'CONNOR was the first Member of the Democratic group of the House it was my pleasure to meet, because he had a habit of making himself known at once to Members coming in newly from the Middle West. From that time until his death he and I have served together always on at least one committee, and sometimes on two or three committees. I know he was a great American, a courageous and independent thinker, sometimes voting with his party and sometimes voting against his party, but always voting in the interests of America as they appeared to him in the solemnity of his own serious contemplation.

He was the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on which it has been my pleasure to serve with him throughout the period in which I have been a Member of the House. He was a great chairman, he was an honest and a fair chairman. At no time in the 6 years during which I served on that committee did politics ever enter into any decision made by JIM O'CONNOR. He had one objective only, and that was to do well by the American Indian and to do well by all the people of the Indian country.

I am sure that now that that great heart of his, which loved so much of life and failed so soon and so regrettably in its life-sustaining function, has stopped, the Indians of America as well as the white people throughout this great Republic of ours, and especially those of us who served with Jim here in the House, know that he has gone to his happy

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hunting ground. Our sympathies flow out to his family in their hour of grief.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our beloved friend leaves a void in the House which will be hard to fill. His sudden passing is a blow to every Member of the House. Our late friend and I were very closely associated during the years when he was a Member of the House. A sincere, conscientious legislator always devoted to his duty, he served the people of his district and his State with great distinction. The big heritage that JIM O'CONNOR left, which will never die or be forgotten, is the great love that he had for his fellow men. You and I remember him in his contacts with us. We remember him in his debates on the floor. No matter how heated the debate might be, no matter how controversial the bill was that was before the House, no matter how intense the feeling might have been on the part of the Members who favored or opposed the bill or question pending in the House, JIM O'CONNOR always took his position and expressed himself in a manner which always evidenced his tolerance of the views of those who differed with him. In addition to his devoted service as a Member of this body the one big heritage which I have referred to and which constitutes the light of his candle that will never die, is the love that he held for his fellow men, that fine, noble spirit that he always evidenced, showing a mind which endeared itself to all who came in contact with him and setting an example of tolerance, of understanding, and of love of neighbor which everyone might follow with benefit to themselves.

The passing of our beloved friend is a blow to those of us who have served with him, a great loss to the House of Representatives, a distinct loss to his constituency, and to the people of his entire State and a personal loss to myself. I extend to those loved ones whom he leaves behind the deepest sympathy of Mrs. McCormack and myself.

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Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Rankin].

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, as James R. Mann said with reference to Champ Clark, the ones who knew JIM O'CONNOR best loved him most. He had those qualities of mind and heart which entitle him to the highest characterization to be found in our language: he was a Christian gentleman.

He was a patriotic American who had the courage of his convictions and always did his duty as he saw it, regardless of the cost to himself. He was my friend, and like the rest of you, I shall never cease to miss him.

Someone said:

I wrote my name upon the sand
And trusted it would stand for aye.
But soon, alas, the refluxing sea had washed
My feeble lines away.

I carved my name upon the wood
And after years returned again.
I missed the shadow of the tree
That stretched of old upon the plain.

The solid marble next my name
I gave as a perpetual trust.
An earthquake rent it to its base,
and now it lies o'erlaid with dust.

All these had failed; I was perplexed.
I turned and asked myself what then?
If I would have my name endure,
I'll write it on the hearts of men.

JIM O'CONNOR indelibly wrote his name upon the hearts of his fellow Members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wyoming [Mr. Barrett].

Mr. BARRETT of Wyoming. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply grieved to hear of the death of our colleague, JAMES F. O'CONNOR. His passing is a distinct loss to the West. He served with distinction in this House for close to 10 years. The people of

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his State honored him on many occasions. He served as a distinguished judge of his district and also as a speaker of the House in the State of Montana.

Since I have been here I have learned to know him and to love him. He was a hard worker and rendered great service as chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs. He was a great representative not only of the State of Montana but of the entire West. He worked untiringly on behalf of the livestock and agricultural interests of the West. He was a shining example of a young man who went West without means and worked his way up. He owned a big cattle ranch. He was a successful lawyer. He was a great American. At all times he was most helpful to me on the problems of the State of Wyoming, which State I have the high honor to represent in this Congress. I know that we shall miss him sorely in the years that lie ahead.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Carlson].

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to find words to express one's innermost thoughts and feelings on occasions like this. Death comes always as a shock, certainly it did to me this morning.

It has been my privilege to work very closely with JIM O'CONNOR, as we knew him. Our section of the country and its representatives work very closely on matters affecting that entire territory. It was always a pleasure to contact Mr. O'CONNOR and ask for his support, advice, and aid in the problems of the Missouri River Basin. He never refused help for our section. His sudden passing again reminds each and every one of us that we travel through this life just once. The opportunity to serve is here now; it may be too late tomorrow. I well remember visiting with Mr. O'CONNOR last Friday. It seems most unbelievable that death has called him home.

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Death reminds us that we should not drive the stakes of our earthly tents so firmly in the soil here that we might expect them to remain forever; for, after all, life is but a fleeting moment. We are privileged to serve and we should serve while we have an opportunity. This is one thing that JIM O'CONNOR did, he was consistently working for the citizens of this Nation, for the citizens of the Middle West, and especially for the people of Montana. He never missed an opportunity to work and vote for legislation affecting our people. The folks in that section, especially the western section of the United States, and Montana particularly, are going to miss a very able Representative and the Nation is losing a great American. I extend my sympathy to the family. All of us will miss him very much.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Worley].

Mr. WORLEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish it were possible for me to express in words the very high personal regard I had for JIM O'CONNOR and the keen sense of loss I feel at his passing. I think perhaps JIM suspected that his span of life was drawing to a close, because just a few short weeks ago he told me he would like more than anything else in the world to continue as a Member of Congress until such time as a permanent and enduring peace could be written by the United States and other nations so that bloodshed and the trials and tribulations of warfare would never occur again. He has given to the armed forces his only son who is now engaged in fighting for this country overseas.

JIM O'CONNOR has contributed much to this Nation and to Congress. It was my pleasure and high privilege to serve with him on numerous committees of the House. On each committee he always contributed as much if not more than any individual member.

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It is regrettable that JIM's destiny did not permit him to realize his ambition to remain a Member of this body until such time as he could participate in helping to fashion a final and lasting peace.

We shall miss JIM very much.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Rich].

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, I was preparing to come to the House floor this morning for the purpose of engaging in the regular work of the day when I was notified that our good friend, JAMES F. O'CONNOR, of Montana, had passed to the Great Beyond, to the "happy hunting ground." It casts a great shadow over all of us and it makes us feel very humble in the sight of our Maker, when we realize, as the days go by, that the human body becomes more frail. It is our duty and our responsibility to our families and to our friends to live in closer touch with Him.

JAMES O'CONNOR, the gentleman from Montana, in my judgment was a real friend to man. He has always been a great friend of mine. Returning here a few weeks ago I received one of the finest tributes and one of the best welcomes back to Washington from JIM O'CONNOR that I received from any of my friends on either side of the aisle. He was an honest, honorable, and conscientious individual. He did everything he could for the best interests of the people he represented.

I admired JIM O'CONNOR always. While he was a party man, deep down in his heart he was first a real, true American. I have lost a real friend in the passing of JIM O'CONNOR, because I always considered him such.

To his family I extend the deepest sympathy. The citizens of Montana, whom he represented, have lost a faithful and honorable servant. His place in the legislative halls of our Nation will be vacant and we will miss him. JIM O'CONNOR was a real, true American and a gentleman.

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May God have mercy upon his soul.

Our departed colleague to whom we pay tribute and our real friendship for him through our years of service together is like the friendship we find in verse:

There is no friend like an old friend
Who has shared our morning days;
No greeting like his welcome,
No homage like his praise.

Fame is the scentless sunflower
With gaudy crown of gold,
But friendship is the breathing rose
With sweets in every fold.

MR. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. Murdock].

MR. MURDOCK. Mr. Speaker, the passing of my friend and our colleague, JAMES F. O'CONNOR, chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, will be felt particularly by me. I recall that we came here together in the Seventy-fifth Congress. We served together 8 years in this body on three different committees. I outranked him on two committees and he outranked me on one committee, the Indian Affairs Committee. Since we came at the same time we were seated side by side on all of those committees. I remember many, many committee meetings where perplexing problems confronted us. I cannot help but recall numerous instances that I received great assistance from him.

While he had a keen legal mind he was not over legalistic. He thought more of justice than of legal technicalities and I, not being a lawyer, found it necessary to inquire of him and lean upon him very often. I never found him lacking in friendly advice.

May I say of my colleague from Montana that he was my friend and mentor, my adviser and helpful friend. He never failed me. While he was a friend to all, he was not a respecter of official persons as such. He fought the cause of the Indian

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and of the common man, whether it conformed with the ideas of officialdom or no.

I remember distinctly that the gentleman from Mississippi received earnest assistance from the gentleman from Montana, Mr. O'CONNOR, who has now passed from us, in legislation seeing to it, at the beginning of our defense program, that the private soldiers in our armed forces were adequately paid.

The gentleman from Montana, Mr. O'CONNOR, was always interested in doing justice to the red man. It was the Indian in his hogan and in his tepee on the various Indian reservations that was uppermost in the mind of this big-hearted legislator, and not particularly the dictates or the wishes of an official in any department. He wanted to see that the laws governing and affecting the red men were carried out in the interest of and for the benefit of our American citizens of Indian descent.

And so it was all through JIM O'CONNOR's philosophy and his legislative career he thought first of the interests of the common man, whether white, red, or black.

Mr. Speaker, we shall miss him in our councils, and I personally will miss him greatly.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. King].

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today with a sad and heavy heart because of the loss of my good friend and colleague, JAMES F. O'CONNOR, the able Representative from the Second District of Montana. I mourn and share the sorrow that his family and friends everywhere feel today. Montana and the entire Nation have lost an outstanding statesman and one who will be hard to replace. To me, his death is a keen and personal loss, one that words are simply inadequate to express.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Michener].

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Mr. MICHENER. Mr. Speaker, we are all sad at heart because of the sudden, unexpected, and untimely passing of Representative JAMES F. O'CONNOR, of Montana.

Friday night, just a few hours ago, along with other Members, I attended the banquet of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. Mr. O'CONNOR was present. I had a fine visit with him and no one suspicioned that the end was so near. He was apparently in good spirits and as affable, friendly, and likable as usual.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'CONNOR's section of the country has lost a great Representative and an enthusiastic advocate of that land "out where the West begins." JIM O'CONNOR was honest, capable, and fearless. He had definite notions about government, and never hesitated to express his views in this forum. He will be greatly missed, and we all sympathize with his family, his district, and his State.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Peterson].

Mr. PETERSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of distinct loss that I have learned of the death of JIM O'CONNOR. It has been my privilege to serve with him on at least three committees. He was one of the ranking members of the Committee on the Public Lands. I had occasion to work with him on several subcommittees. I also appeared before his own committee on problems of vital interest to our section. I always found him earnest, conscientious, and helpful. He was a very constant attendant at committee meetings. He always tried to get to the bottom of things, and in a vigorous way he advocated those things that he felt to be right. My colleagues who have preceded me today have pointed out his chief characteristic, and that was his love of his fellow man. No finer, kinder, or friendlier man ever lived than JIM O'CONNOR. But his chief character was not just that alone. Embodied in his heart and soul was a deep consciousness, a good

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fighting spirit for those things that were right, and he did a lot of hard work, because he always devoted himself to the duties of his committee and of the House. His passing is a distinct loss to his great State that he represented so ably, and a great loss to this Nation, and a great personal loss to those of us who knew him and loved him. I join in expressing my deep sympathy to his family and the many others who loved him.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Idaho [Mr. White].

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, I was profoundly shocked and deeply grieved to learn of the passing of my good friend JIM O'CONNOR, of Montana. It has been my privilege to serve with the gentleman from Montana [Mr. O'CONNOR], on three standing committees of the House. I found him to be a hard-working man who followed his personal convictions and independence of spirit. Montana has lost a great advocate and the Nation a great servant. I joint with my colleagues in extending my sympathies to the members of his family.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. Case].

Mr. CASE of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, word of JIM O'CONNOR's death was just given me as I entered the floor of the House this morning. JIM and I came here together in the Seventy-fifth Congress. We served together on the Committee on Indian Affairs that first term, and we also served together on the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation. During the years since then when our committee paths have separated somewhat, I have found that JIM O'CONNOR never forgot the friendship and the mutuality of interest that was revealed through our work on those committees.

During the late Presidential campaign I was asked by the Republican National Committee to make some speeches in a couple of neighboring States, including Montana. I declined

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to go to Montana. JIM O'CONNOR's district borders part of mine. Through our association here I knew that JIM was a Representative of the people of that part of the country; as we say out there sometimes, "He was our kind of people."

He had been born in Iowa, as I was. He had gone to Montana in the days of the homesteader as I went to South Dakota when a boy. The history of our part of the West is intertwined. It was a part of the last great Sioux Reservation opened to settlement in 1876, after troops with Custer had found gold on French Creek in the Black Hills in 1874. My home town is named Custer. I recall going with JIM O'CONNOR in our first term here to appear before a committee in behalf of his bill to establish a national monument on the banks of the Little Big Horn in Montana, where General Custer fell in June 1876.

So JIM saw Montana when it was young. And he became a part of the country. He saw that story of America in the life about him, the plowing of the first furrow in virgin ground, the digging of the first well, the building of a sod house, the stringing of the first fence, the building of a school, the building of churches and homes and towns—those things which have marked the transition of a pioneer community into modern civilization.

And he knew the ups and downs of a new country—the good years, the bad years, the wet years, the dry years, the years of crops, and the years of grasshoppers. He knew the tragedy of the Indian who had been moved from his home; he knew the struggles of the white man as he sought to establish a sound economy for himself and his family. You who have seen JIM battle on this floor for whatever he believed to be for the welfare of his people understand what I am trying to say.

I could not have gone into Montana in the heat of a political campaign and have avoided some reference to the congressional representation or to congressional problems, at

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least. And I could not go there and say anything against the kind of representation JIM O'CONNOR was trying to give the people of Montana, so I declined to go.

I mention that merely because it suggests something of the way I felt about JIM O'CONNOR; personal friendship, yes, but also a feeling that he truly tried to represent the kind of people that live in Montana and—that live in western South Dakota.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, this is the first time in the Seventy-ninth Congress that one of our Members has answered the final roll call. In the hushed silence of this Chamber and in the real sincerity of the Members of the House as they have paid tribute to JAMES F. O'CONNOR, there is, I feel, an expression of the greatest tribute any of us could merit.

To everyone our late colleague from Montana was JIM. It follows like the night the day that he would have to come from a State like Montana, out where the West begins and where neighbors may be widely separated by distance but are very close together as to sentiment and thinking.

As I look back over the years I have served with JIM, and while he was a fighter and an advocate, yet I never heard him utter an unkind word, either on the floor or off the floor, about any one of his colleagues. While he was a member of the Democratic Party, I have seen him refuse to follow party lines, to do what he thought was right. He was both fearless and honest.

The last time I saw him was on the occasion of a group meeting where there were no party lines, and JIM was there fighting for his farmers and ranchers, not only of his district but of the State of Montana and the Nation as well. He always acted upon the principle of humanity and simple justice to the people not only of his district but of the Nation as well. The fight that he made for our American Indians exempli-

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fies that JIM was a champion of those who had no particular pressure group to cause him to act.

I appreciate that to the new Member of Congress it may come as a surprise to find that the tributes to JIM O'CONNOR have come almost equally from each side of the aisle, but I assure them that they will shortly see from experience that party lines mean nothing in the recognition of ability and sincerity to the membership of this House and the recognition of the true worth of the men and women who serve in Congress.

I feel very strongly that his district and the State of Montana, and the Middle West and West, have lost a great advocate. I know I feel that I have lost a good and a true friend. The Nation has lost a courageous and a real American.

I have no doubt that the fact that his only son is in this war has added to the strain which hastened his death, as only those of us who have children in or who have lost children in this war can fully appreciate.

To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a husband and father.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Chenoweth].

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked this morning when I learned of the death of JIM O'CONNOR. I wish to join with my colleagues in paying respect to his memory. I became attached to JIM when I first came to Congress 4 years ago. I always enjoyed visiting with him. I considered him one of the most able Members of the House. Certainly, Montana has lost a capable and courageous Representative in this body, and this Nation has lost a public servant of extraordinary ability. We can ill afford to lose a man of the type of JIM O'CONNOR at this time. He was desperately needed in this critical hour. I was associated with Mr. O'CONNOR on the Committee on the Public Lands. He was always a champion of the West. My first contact with him was on a small committee of western Members formed to

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protect the interests of Western States. At that time we were particularly concerned over maintaining our decreed water rights in the different States which were threatened by pending legislation. I soon recognized in JIM O'CONNOR a man thoroughly conversant with the many phases of irrigation law. He was an authority on agriculture and was ever alert to promote and defend the mining and livestock industries of the West. We in Colorado appreciated a man of the type of JIM O'CONNOR in the Congress of the United States. It has been said that no one has lived in vain who leaves friends to mourn him. I never heard of JIM O'CONNOR having an enemy. He made friends easily and knew how to keep them.

As Hamlet said of his father:

He was a man, take him for all in all;
We shall not look upon his like again.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Ramspeck].

Mr. RAMSPECK. Mr. Speaker, although I had some knowledge of the physical condition of our friend the late JAMES FRANCIS O'CONNOR, the news of his death, which came to me this morning at about 11 o'clock, was a distinct shock. He had seemed to me to have recovered his health and to have regained his vigor. He seemed to be feeling quite well. His passing is a real loss to me, because he was my neighbor, his office and mine being close together on the third floor of the Capitol during the past 2 years. During that period I had come to know JIM O'CONNOR quite well. Practically every day he greeted me with a cheery word and often we talked of his district in Montana and his ranch out there. He had great pride in the fine cattle he raised on his ranch, and he had a great love of home and country. It has been said if you would have friends be one. Judged by that saying, JIM O'CONNOR's friends are legion. He was a good neighbor and a good friend. He served his district, his State, and his Nation with fidelity and with great ability. We all will miss

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him, and we all feel the deepest sympathy for his family and the people of his district.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Rockwell].

Mr. ROCKWELL. Mr. Speaker, it seemed unbelievable this morning when Mike Mansfield called me to announce the passing of the chairman of our Indian Affairs Committee, JIM O'CONNOR.

Last week a group of us from the House went with him to Judge Vinson's office to protest the placing of ceilings upon live cattle. JIM not only arranged this meeting, but seemed in unusually good health, and took the most active part in it.

We men of the West have lost another warm friend, a courteous gentleman and an able debater and legislator. It has been my privilege to serve with JIM O'CONNOR on three different committees, and I have always been impressed by the fairness he always displayed and his friendly attitude toward all things. I doubt if he had an enemy in the world.

In the passing of JIM O'CONNOR, Montana has lost an able Representative, and we from the Rocky Mountain States will miss the warm smile, the fighting spirit, and the courtesy of this gentleman from the great open spaces of the West.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Sabath].

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, the passing so very suddenly of our colleague, Judge JAMES O'CONNOR, again proves the uncertainty of life. Only last Friday it was my privilege and pleasure to have luncheon with him. As usual, he not only showed his great interest in the people he so conscientiously and ably represented, especially the Indians of all our Nation, as has been stated by our other colleagues, but also anxious interest in the whole Government, whose proper functions he continually expounded with much luminosity. He explained to me the special work he was doing with his com-

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mittee in an endeavor to effect saving of millions of dollars to the taxpayers, and he urged me to read his committee report. At the same time he requested the continuation of his committee's special work in connection with improvements in Indian administration, which work has been, and will continue to be, so beneficial to the Indians and the Government.

I have known this honorable deceased ever since the day he entered the House. He was a man of real ability and thoroughness, courageous, honest, and sincere; and, as has been stated, he was a good Christian gentleman, always sedulously and actually practicing the teachings of Christianity in their broadest application. I do not know any man who has been more devoted to duty than he. With his passing, not only the House, his district, and his State, but the Nation loses a very valuable citizen and legislator.

I conclude by expressing to his district, to his family, and the people of his great State my sincere regret at his passing; and I hope that his selfless and praiseworthy activities here may be an inspiration and guidance for all of us in the work that awaits us.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Jensen].

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and grieved this morning when our good colleague the gentleman from Montana [Mr. Mansfield] came to my office and informed me of the death of our lovable and esteemed colleague JAMES O'CONNOR. Out in my district is a small town by the name of California Junction, in Harrison County, a town of possibly two or three hundred people. It was in that small town that JIM O'CONNOR was born. He received his education in the public and normal schools in the State of Iowa.

JIM always liked to talk about his boyhood days in Iowa. He was proud of the fact that he was born in a small country town, a little hamlet, one of the crossroads of America. As

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has been said, "America lives at the crossroads." Yes, JIM O'CONNOR was well grounded in pioneer spirit of the West; he was a genuine American. JIM O'CONNOR then went farther west and finally became the Representative of the great State of Montana, whose interests he has cared for so well here in Congress for many years.

It was always a pleasure to talk to JIM. On last Friday was held the annual Women's National Defense Convention here in Washington. JIM O'CONNOR was there and I had the privilege of making JIM acquainted with my wife and the Representatives of the State of Iowa who were there at that convention. In his very jovial and delightful manner, JIM had some very nice things to say about the people of Iowa, and we liked it.

JIM O'CONNOR was a great American; the country has sustained a great loss in his passing. Our hearts go out to his family and to his son who is fighting for America in far-away lands. JIM O'CONNOR to me, and, I think, to most of those who knew him, was "like a rainbow to the storms of life, like the evening beams that smile the clouds away." JIM will be missed in this House; I am going to miss him; America will miss him, and, most of all, his dear loved ones will miss him. For them we grieve.

God rest his soul.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Voorhis].

Mr. VOORHIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is not for him who has gone before that we should feel sadness but, rather, for those who are left behind. JIM O'CONNOR has run a good race, he has kept the faith, he has finished his course, and a good course it was. That mane of snow-white hair that used to appear in the House Chamber here and that finger that used to reach out and point to us when he wanted to emphasize a point will not be here any more; but his spirit will be here and it will be in the hearts of the people he represented;

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it will be in the hearts and minds of all who knew him; it will go marching down through the years of American history like the influence of every true son of this great Nation, making the country better and truer than it could possibly have been if he had not passed this way.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. Lemkel].

Mr. LEMKE. Mr. Speaker, I, too, wish to add my word of sorrow at the passing of JIM O'CONNOR. I had known him ever since he became a Member of this House. I worked with him on two official committees, but more often on unofficial committees that are closer to the Nation's heart pulse than are the official committees. It was on one such occasion just last Saturday that I talked to him over the telephone. This morning we missed him. He was not there.

Mr. Speaker, may I say on behalf of JIM O'CONNOR that he was not partisan after the election. He was a citizen of the United States first, last, and always, and I could but wish that there was more of that sentiment on both sides of the aisle.

I have known Mr. O'CONNOR to stand for that which was right regardless of whether it was in keeping and in accord with all of his colleagues. He never subordinated his conscience to party expediency. He was JIM O'CONNOR all the time. He has made the State of Montana and this Nation a better place in which to live on account of his having been here, and I am sure the work he has done will live in our memories forever, and especially in the memory of those of us who worked with him.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah [Mr. Granger].

Mr. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, words are inadequate to express my personal feeling in the loss of JIM O'CONNOR. He was a friendly man, one of the best friends that I have had since

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coming to Congress. He was one of the first men here to express an interest in me and to give me the benefit of his rich experience and counsel.

It will be gratifying to his family and to his friends to note the great tributes that are being paid to his memory and which will long linger in our hearts. It is true that anything said here today will be of no benefit to JIM O'CONNOR but certainly his great influence for good and his ability to cause men to respect and love him will be of special value to the membership of this House. It will make us realize the importance of being friendly, not only to one another, but to all people.

Not only the State of Montana but the whole area in the West has lost a warrior and a valiant fighter for the things that the West needs and, especially and above all, a somewhat forgotten people, the American Indian, has lost a real champion and a good friend.

It was only Saturday that we met as a Rocky Mountain group to discuss things that were vital to his section and to the section that we represent.

May I express my deepest sympathy to his family and especially to his son, now serving his country, and on whom he counted so much when the war was over. May it be said to his memory and to the people he represented that when he went down, he went down fighting for their interests.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Curtis].

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, when the gentleman from Montana, JAMES F. O'CONNOR, left this House to enter that House not made with hands, the losses sustained were many. JIM O'CONNOR was not only my friend, but he was a friend of a great many. He was one of the distinguished alumni of the law college of the University of Nebraska. He graduated from that institution in 1904. He had a distinguished career as a lawyer. He was a great judge and a great legislator.

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Our Republic, more particularly that section of the country known as the great West, has lost a devoted public servant.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Elliott].

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was grieved when I walked into the Chamber this noon to learn of the passing of JIM O'CONNOR. During my term in office in this House it has been a privilege to have served on three separate committees with JIM O'CONNOR. I know of no man who was so fair regarding all legislation as was JIM O'CONNOR. The Western States have lost a man who knew their many problems; one that we could look forward to for the purpose of consulting from time to time as to his viewpoint and the proper leadership we should follow in achieving the legislation the Western States wanted. The State of Montana has lost a great legislator. We Members of the House, as well as his family, will miss him.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. Patrick].

Mr. PATRICK. Mr. Speaker, JIM O'CONNOR is dead; great big, old, loving JIM O'CONNOR, with a big heart and big hands. I just would not have expected him to be dead. He was so very much alive. That is one of the first things that I learned when I came to this body was how the Members die off here; how our brothers in the legislative halls take such sudden departures. It is probably not amiss on this occasion to have it said to America how men work and fight to the death and die right here in the harness. So many seem to think that a Congressman comes up here and sits around and takes it easy. That is so far from the truth. If the people could just study the lives of those they send here and see how they go out right in the midst of the noonday of action, how their hearts and minds would be changed about the life of a Congressman; work, work from early morn until sometimes quite frequently late at night. Big, old, loving Jim. You could put your hand on him in the dark, you always knew how he was,

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how he would vote, and how American he was. Man, how American that man was. He just had to have his say. He wanted to have his word, his two bits' worth. Even if he thought it was not worth more than two bits, he wanted to have it out. He reflected so much of the very spirit of the thing that makes America—JIM O'CONNOR. You could not find a man on this floor who was more average American than JIM O'CONNOR. You could not find a man on this floor more willing to tell you exactly how he felt, and when he advocated a thing he advocated it to the end. As to his belief and his sentiments he was always ready and eager to express his views at any time, and he did not wait for somebody else to make up his mind for him. A great big, old loving thing. He could put his arm further around you and reach further into your heart than any man you ever saw in your life. He is dead today. He is just as dead as though he had not been so much alive. He is just as dead as if he had not been one of those men who met you on the corner with a big smile and a happy thought, questioning you as to how we should answer things for America. He asked for America questions that have not been answered yet, and it is up to us to help find the answers.

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, last night we lost a friend. It has been my privilege to know and to work closely with JIM O'CONNOR, of Montana. JIM was one of those men whom we refer to as one of Nature's noblemen.

He was a true product of the western part of this great Nation of ours, born in Iowa, a graduate of the Nebraska Law School, and then for 40 years a leader in the development of the great State of Montana.

But not alone has Montana lost a leader, for JIM wanted and worked diligently for a world in which friends could live in mutual security and peace. The State of Washington will also miss JIM O'CONNOR.

Yet, there is always this saving thought. Each useful life leaves a record of achievement and, though the body passes,

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the soul and purpose that once moved it lives on. JIM is gone; still we can all look back upon his deeds and works and feel the life of happy memories.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution (H. Res. 79):

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JAMES F. O'CONNOR, a Representative from the State of Montana.

Resolved, That a committee of five Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Pursuant to the provision of House Resolution 79, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to attend the funeral: Messrs. Mansfield of Montana, White, Murdock, Knutson, and Case of South Dakota.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 7 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 16, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon.

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TUESDAY, January 16, 1945.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 34) :

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JAMES F. O'CONNOR, late a Representative from the State of Montana.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

The message also announced that, pursuant to the provisions of the above resolution, the President of the Senate appointed Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Murray members of the committee on the part of the Senate.

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MONDAY, January 15, 1945.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McLeod, one of its clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. JAMES F. O'CONNOR, late a Representative from the State of Montana, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a resolution (H. Res. 72) of the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

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Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JAMES F. O'CONNOR, a Representative from the State of Montana.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, on behalf of the senior Senator from Montana [Mr. Wheeler] I send to the desk a resolution which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

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The resolution (S. Res. 34) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JAMES F. O'CONNOR, late a Representative from the State of Montana.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints as the committee on the part of the Senate the senior Senator from Montana [Mr. Wheeler] and the junior Senator from Montana [Mr. Murray].

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 13 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the order previously entered, until Thursday, January 18, 1945, at 12 o'clock meridian.



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